

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Thomas Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS J. HARRINGTON FOR OVER FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO LOCAL 33 OF THE UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a man whose professional life has been dedicated to improving the lives of working men and women in Massachusetts and across our nation. Tommy Harrington is a remarkable labor leader with a long and illustrious career in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Massachusetts.

Tommy joined the Carpenters Apprenticeship Program in 1966 after graduating from Boston Trade High School. During his tenure, he held several prestigious positions in Carpenters Local 33, the Massachusetts State Council of Carpenters and the New England Regional Council of Carpenters. In 1989, after twenty-three years in the field as a carpenter and Union Steward, he became a Business Agent for Local 33. In 1990, he was elected President of the Massachusetts State Council of Carpenters, an office which he held until 1993. Following this esteemed position, he became the Business Manager of Local 33 and was elevated to the position of Financial Secretary.

In September of 2001, Tommy reached the pinnacle of his career when he achieved the position of Executive Financial Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters. Tommy's personal integrity, hard work and determination illustrate the best qualities of those who serve the working men and women of this country.

Although he has held many of the most official positions in Local 33, Tommy is best known for the personal relationships he cultivated with the men and women he worked with on a daily basis. Anyone who has had the privilege to call Tommy a colleague or friend knows that he is one of the most thoughtful, caring and compassionate individuals, always putting the safety and welfare of his union carpenters and their families first.

Tommy has also set an example as a model citizen. His civic involvement can be seen in the numerous causes he has actively supported. Tommy has worked tirelessly on behalf of the pine Street Inn and Rosie's Place volunteering his time and energy. He has participated in charity events for organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston and the South Boston Health Center.

Despite his various accomplishments, as his friend I can honestly say that the title that Tommy has always been most proud of and which he cherishes most, is the title of husband and father. Tommy has had the enormous pleasure and tremendous good fortune to be married to his wife Ginny for over thirty-

five years. They are the proud parents of two lovely and adoring daughters, Heather and Cindy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Tommy Harrington's family, friends and brothers and sisters of labor to thank him for forty years of remarkable service to the American Labor Movement. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Tommy's distinguished career and wishing him good health and God's blessing in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DADE CITY WOMEN'S CLUB BUILDING

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I am unable to be with you for the 80th anniversary celebration of the Historic Dade City Women's Club Building. I know that you have worked long and hard to make this a successful event, and today's ceremony is clear proof that your efforts were successful. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the celebration because I have to vote in Congress in Washington, DC.

For nearly 100 years, the Women's Club has played a leading role in the Dade City community. From city beautification efforts, to educational seminars, to helping meet the needs of area residents during times of war, the Women's Club has many achievements of which to be proud.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the construction of the current Women's Club historic building. Since 1926, the clubhouse has been a meeting place for thousands of Pasco County women. Today, the site is used as a community center for area residents, in addition to being the home of the Dade City Women's Club.

A building with so much history within its walls, in 1985 the clubhouse was designated as an historical site by the Pasco Historical Society. In 2003 was added to the prestigious National Register of Historic Places. Generations of Pasco County women have called this building home, and today's anniversary celebration is a fitting testament to its beauty, longevity and historic value to the entire Dade City Community.

Although I was unable to attend the 80th anniversary celebration, I appreciate the Women's Club's continued support and commitment to the residents of Dade City. Keep up the good work and know that you have my thanks for improving the lives and economy of Pasco County residents.

RECOGNIZING BYRON DEVLIN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Byron Devlin, a very special

young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 633, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Byron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Byron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Byron held the principal leadership position of Senior Patrol Leader and has actively supported the ministry of Heartland Presbyterian Center.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Byron Devlin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONDEMNING THE REPRESSION OF THE IRANIAN BAHAI COMMUNITY AND CALLING FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF IRANIAN BAHAI'S

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

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WHAT WOULD WAR LOOK LIKE?

(By Michael Duffy)

The first message was routine enough: a "Prepare to Deploy" order sent through naval communications channels to a submarine, an Aegis-class cruiser, two minesweepers and two mine hunters. The orders didn't actually command the ships out of port; they just said to be ready to move by Oct. 1. But inside the Navy those messages generated more buzz than usual last week when a second request, from the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), asked for fresh eyes on long-standing U.S. plans to blockade two Iranian oil ports on the Persian Gulf. The CNO had asked for a rundown on how a blockade of those strategic targets might work. When he didn't like the analysis he received, he ordered his troops to work the lash up once again.

What's going on? The two orders offered tantalizing clues. There are only a few places in the world where minesweepers top the list of U.S. naval requirements. And every sailor, petroleum engineer and hedge-fund manager knows the name of the most important: the Strait of Hormuz, the 20-mile-wide bottleneck in the Persian Gulf through which roughly 40% of the world's oil needs to pass each day. Coupled with the CNO's request for a blockade review, a deployment of minesweepers to the west coast of Iran would seem to suggest that a much discussed—but until now largely theoretical—prospect has become real: that the U.S. may be preparing for war with Iran.

No one knows whether—let alone when—a military confrontation with Tehran will come to pass. The fact that admirals are reviewing plans for blockades is hardly proof of their intentions. The U.S. military routinely makes plans for scores of scenarios, the vast majority of which will never be put into practice. "Planners always plan," says a Pentagon official. Asked about the orders, a second official said only that the Navy is